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**RULE 312 AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified US application be amended as follows.

*Amendment to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Remarks/Arguments* begin on page 6 of this paper.